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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT TAYLOR TO SPEAK

At Detroit Chapter Dinner Meeting, December 17——Subject: "What Architects Should Know About Landscape Architecture"

Albert Davis Taylor, Landscape, Town Planner and Civil Engineer, of Cleveland, Ohio, will be the speaker at the December 17 dinner meeting of the Detroit Chapter of The American Institute of Architects, in the Rackham Building. It is indeed fortunate that Mr. Suren Pilafian, Chairman of the Chapter’s Program Committee was able to engage this most distinguished landscape architect for our December meeting. In order to do so, it was necessary to change the date from November 24. No meeting had been scheduled in December.

Mr. Taylor attended Massachusetts State College, where he received his B.S. Degree in 1905, L.L.D. in 1945. He also received his Master’s Degree from Cornell in 1906 and Sc.D., Oregon State College, 1940.

He was instructor in landscape architecture at Cornell, 1906-08 and began practice as a landscape architect in Boston in 1908. Since 1915 he has practiced in Cleveland, Ohio and Orlando, Florida. He was a non-resident professor of landscape architecture at Ohio State University, 1916-24, has lectured at the University of Michigan since 1938.

He is a contributing editor for the Landscape Architecture Magazine, was consulting landscape architect for the U.S. Forest Service, Roosevelt Warm Springs Memorial, Pentagon Building site in Washington, D.C., Boys Town and many other important public and private developments.

Mr. Taylor was town planner for the U.S. Housing Corporation, 1917-18; collaborator for U.S. National Arboretum; and consultant for various U.S. Marine Hospitals. He was chief consultant in site planning for the War Department in 1941, and site planner for the Florida State Capital Development.

Mr. Taylor was town planner for the Florida State Capital Development. A member of many local, state and national bodies, Mr. Taylor was president of the American Society of Landscape Architects, 1935-41. He is a member of the Landscape Architecture Jury, American Academy in Rome, was on the Cleveland City Plan Commission, 1928-43.

Dinner Meeting, Detroit Chapter

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Engineering Society of Detroit
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1948

Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; Program 8:00 p.m.

SPEAKER: Mr. A. D. Taylor, Landscape Architect, of Cleveland, Ohio

SUBJECT: "What Architects should know about Landscape Architecture"

NOTE: Chapter Board Meeting will be held the day before, Thursday, December 16, at 4:30 p.m. at E. S. D.

REFRESHER COURSES

REFRESHER COURSES for persons preparing to take State examinations for professional engineers and architects will be given again next year beginning on January 8th, 1949. Courses will be available in all fields covered by the State examinations for architects, including engineering, specifications, and design. As in the past, these courses will be available only to members of the Engineering Society of Detroit and its affiliate societies. This includes associate members of the Detroit Chapter, A.I.A.

Tuition fees will be $25.00 for those taking the entire course and $15.00 for those taking only one part of the engineering work. Registration forms will be available at the cigar stand of the Engineering Society of Detroit’s headquarters in the Rackham Building and all applications are to be received by December 31st, 1948.

As in the past, these courses will be conducted in the Rackham Building, Detroit.

In case of further question, please contact Mr. P. J. Bryant of the E. S. D. Phone number TE. 2-5400.
GR ARCHITECTS TO STUDY
CITY-COUNTY CIVIC CENTER
(From the Grand Rapids Press)

To give fresh impetus to his suggested city-county civic center, the formation of a Civic Design Committee composed of local architects, has been proposed by Grand Rapids' Mayor, George W. Welch.

"Such a group could study the project and determine the best design and plan for a civic center," the Mayor said, in pointing out that it could become a community venture.

The Mayor said that he had already mentioned the idea of an architect's committee to Kenneth C. Welch, AIA, Chairman of the city's City Planning Commission and widely-known architect for store equipment and interiors. Architect Welch, who thought the idea a good one, said he would seek to enlist the interest of other Grand Rapids architects in forming a Civic design committee under jurisdiction of the Western Michigan Chapter of The American Institute of Architects.

The Mayor's proposal calls for erection of one or more groups of buildings for Kent County and city administration offices and court rooms, adequate police and sheriff's headquarters and a new jail. Office space could also be leased to Federal and State Governmental agencies serving the area, now scattered through many buildings.

The project would be financed by revenue bonds under a special state law and not out of tax monies, the Mayor said.

Kenneth Welch also liked the Mayor's suggested site, north of the Civic auditorium, along Grand River.

"With the natural advantages of river frontage, as well as access to the Auditorium and the proposed Grand River Expressway, prospects favor a very attractive and workable solution," the architect said, adding that "The parking problem in the lower Monroe Avenue district also could be solved".

Architect Welch warned, however, that a committee of architects could not produce recommendations overnight. Acquisition of the land for the project, now largely industrial, also would be a problem, he said.

Detroit, Los Angeles and other cities are working on similar projects with the assistance of local civic design committees, architect Welch concluded.
New Building for Superior Oldsmobile, Inc.
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Shreve, Walker and Associates, Engineers and Architects
In the belief that the bizarre and gaudy have no place in the display of an automobile of the class of the Oldsmobile, the architect set out to provide a dignified background for a dignified product. The final result is a modern, refined and straightforward design equally meeting the functional needs of the business with enough originality to draw the attention of the passerby to a focal point: the showroom.

The showroom ceiling is flush with the soffit of the overhang and the glaze extends from floor to ceiling. The features combine to integrate the outdoor and indoor areas, providing a natural setting as possible for the cars on display.

The closing rooms and sales man's office open directly off the rear of the showroom and are thus conveniently close, without sacrificing desirability.

Since the display and sales of parts is a very important function of this organization, the parts department is separated from the showroom only by a display counter and a dropped ceiling. This department is easily accessible both to the public and the shop. The cashier is situated so that she serves both departments, service department and the showroom directly. She is in contact with the control tower means of a pneumatic tube. A monorail and hoist installed in the parts department make it possible to unload a truck directly into the parts department, though a hatch to the storage area, low or to the shop area proper through only one exterior door.

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ABOVE: Show Room, looking towards Parts Department.

JOHN COBURN PHOTOS, DETROIT

BELOW: Service manager's office to be at left. Entrance stairway to mechanics' service facilities above. Control Tower above car at left. Overhead Door, right background.
CORDNER IN NEW MEXICO

In Contracting Business

G. Frank Cordner, architect, formerly of Detroit, is now located in Santa Fe, New Mexico. His mailing address is P.O. Box 1021. Frank practiced in Detroit for many years, as a partner of Lancelot Sukert and as an individual. He served several terms as an officer of the Michigan Society of Architects.

On leaving Detroit, he became employed by the Federal Public Housing Administration in Washington, D.C., and from there was sent to Puerto Rico in charge of the Government's large housing program there. For the past year he has been engaged in the general contracting field as Steinbach & Cordner, General Contractors, of Santa Fe. A letter received from him recently states:

"I have received Lyle Cole's letter of October 25, forwarded to me from Puerto Rico, in which a general invitation to become non-resident member of the Michigan Society of Architects was issued. Since I am no longer a member of the American Institute of Architects, I am not eligible but thanks for the opportunity.

'The past year of general contracting here in New Mexico has been rather hectic due largely to labor costs and the unusual difficulties involved in working at Los Alamos, the A-BOMB town about 35 miles from Santa Fe, where most of our work was concentrated. During our stay here we have acquired a new house, in which we are now living. Since photography is my hobby, I built into it a little darkroom, which gives me a lot of fun.

'I am very enthusiastic about Santa Fe and New Mexico in general. This north central part of the state is high (Santa Fe Elev. 7,000 ft.) and has a splendid climate. While you folks were sweltering last summer, we used a blanket every night, July and August included. While the winters are cold, low temperatures don't mean much because it is so dry, and we did not suffer at all as you did from the terrific weather last winter. Our high mountain peaks close by are already snow covered but thus far in town we have had but a flurry.

"Best wishes to you all."—Frank.

DITCHY, CONNOR ON STATE HOUSING STUDY COMMITTEE

Advisory Committee Named by Governor-Elect, G. Mennen Williams.

Clair W. Ditchy, FAIA has been appointed by Governor-elect G. Mennen Williams to an Advisory Committee to study and report on Michigan's housing needs and rent problems.

Edward D. Connor, recently elected Detroit Councilman and former Director of the Citizen's Housing and Planning Council, of Detroit, was named Chairman.

The committee, Mr. Williams announced, is being asked to "examine the housing needs of the people of Michigan and to report what measures the State should take to make available low cost homes and low rental housing. It is to consider particularly the possibilities of Federal co-operation in both these fields."

The committee will advise the Governor on possible "standby" rent control legislation should Federal controls be removed.

Other members are: Finlay C. Allan, Detroit president of the Building Trades Council of Wayne County (AFL); Willis M. Brewer, Pontiac real estate dealer and Oakland County Democratic chairman; Mrs. Blanche Cronin, Hamtramck health commissioner; Francois, Muskegon Federal housing project manager; William Haines, Detroit area rent control director; John Hyde, associate professor of planning and architecture, University of Michigan.

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William G. Kaelber, F.A.I.A., of William G. Kaelber and L. A. Waasdorp, Architects, of Rochester, N. Y., died in General Hospital, Rochester, on Sunday morning, November 21. He was 62 years of age. He suffered a heart attack Friday night, November 19, while on a train returning from a business trip to New York.

A Director, representing the New York District of The American Institute of Architects, his name had recently been placed in nomination for the presidency of The Institute.

Will Kaelber had served The Institute and his profession faithfully for many years. As Director he had devoted a great deal of time. In addition, he had been an active member of the New York State Board of Examiners, the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards and the National Architectural Accrediting Board.

WRIGHT?

And speaking of Wright, we have a feeling the Old Joker knows what he is doing when he allows Time Magazine to quote him in an end-of-column testimonial as saying, "I get near to the news reading Time." Near, of course, means "resembling, or as a substitute for, like near beer." We've always felt that way about Time, too.—The Charrette.

H. A. MacMillan

H. A. MacMillan, Business Manager of the Builders' Association of Metropolitan Detroit, died in Providence Hospital, Detroit, on Saturday, November 27, at the age of 58. He was a veteran of World War I and past commander and adjutant of the Fowlerville Legion Post, No. 215.

For 25 years he was associated with the Goodrich Rubber Co., serving as divisional sales manager. Since 1940 he had been acting secretary and business manager of the Builders' Association.

The family home is in Fowlerville, Michigan. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. H. A. MacMillan; a son, Fred; two daughters, Kathryn and Mrs. Marian Jewell; three sisters, Mrs. Jean Eyrich, Mrs. Sophia Aylisee and Mrs. Loretta Epplinger, and a brother George.

The $20 bill is to be brought up to date with a view of the White House that features the Truman balcony. Long overdue is retirement of the sedan on the 10-spot: possibly a Chalmers, though some think it a 1922 Star.—H. V. Wade in the Detroit News

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This school, started in 1936, is now completing the fall semester of 1948 with a total enrollment of 150, and with classes on five nights a week.

All classes are held in the plan room of the Exchange. A term is fifteen weeks, class one evening a week, two hours an evening, starting at seven P.M.

Tuition is $20 for a term's instruction. It is payable upon enrollment. On the first night of the course, each student is furnished a set of the plans and specifications to be used in the class. They pay two dollars for these and own them.

Courses offered in the spring term of 1949 are:

BLUEPRINT READING—Lyle Tonne, instructor—Monday evening beginning Monday, January 17th. Designed for beginners and those who can profit by more knowledge of how to interpret and measure plans. A residential plan, and the plans for the Fine Arts Bldg., Mount Pleasant constitute the basis for the course. Architectural trades only.

RESIDENTIAL—Lyle Tonne, instructor—Wednesday evenings beginning Wednesday, January 19th. Some knowledge of blueprint reading a requisite. Work is based on plans and specifications for a small brick veneer house. Actual taking off of the quantities is the meat of the course. Architectural trades only.

COMMERCIAL I—Frank Dow, instructor—Tuesday evening beginning Tuesday, January 18th. Knowledge of blueprint reading a requisite. Work based on plans and specifications for a simple commercial building. Actual taking off of quantities is meat of course. Architectural trades only.

COMMERCIAL II—Frank Dow, instructor—Thursday evenings beginning Thursday, January 20th. Commercial I, Residential, or some knowledge of actual estimating in a contractor's office a requisite. Work is based on a more complicated structure than used in Commercial I. Architectural trades only.

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Ernest A. Baumgarth, Realty Editor of The Detroit News, was recently named winner of the national competition for the best real estate page in America for 1948 (cities of over 500,000 population). The award was in the form of a certificate from the National Association of Real Estate Editors, and was presented at the annual convention of the National Association of Real Estate Boards, in New York, Nov. 16.

In addition, Mr. Baumgarth was elected president of the National Association of Real Estate Editors.

Architects and others in the real estate and building fields hereabout will thoroughly agree that Ernie has maintained a high standard in his real estate section of The Detroit News, with “Impartial Dissimination of News of Real Estate,” as stated on the certificate.

This is not the first time that such honors have come to Mr. Baumgarth. In 1945 Mr. John W. Galbreath, President of NCARB wrote Mr. Fred Gaertner, Jr., editor of The Detroit News:

“it gives me great pleasure to tell you that The Detroit News has won honorable mention for papers in its class in the national contest conducted by this Association to pick the best real estate page of 1944. Mr. E. A. Baumgarth has done a splendid job and the jury was unanimous in making the award to your paper.

“We are, of course, very happy that in spite of the news print and space shortages American newspapers are still able to recognize real estate news. We hope that we will be able to continue to produce news and that the very pleasant relationship our industry has enjoyed with newspapers will continue.

“We are issuing a formal announcement of this award and I hope that it will bring your paper the recognition that it so richly deserves.

“Please accept my personal congratulations for the fine work The Detroit News and Mr. Baumgarth have done.”

ARCHITECTS’ PUBLICITY

An editorial from The Bulletin of The Indiana Society of Architects, a Chapter of The American Institute of Architects

Getting our name as an organization, and our names as individuals inscribed on the pages of the daily papers is essential to the life of the profession. However, in obtaining the recognition which is fairly ours, we are pretty much do-it-yourself. We sit back in the smug anticipation that the news hounds are going to find out the truth by our track, when we are part of a story, and track us to earth, and force the story out of us.

But then, if our names doesn’t appear or the story lacks in accuracy, we are as sore as Job’s afflication. By contrast our friends, the realtors, keep pouring their stuff in to the papers, and you may be sure names are included. The papers don’t have to hunt for their stories. They come to them. We have the top ranking man of our profession visit us, the President of the Institute, and not a line relative to his visit appears in our papers. You may be sure that when John L. Lewis comes to town, it’s not only noted, but columns of interviews appear. We have been inclined to excuse our indolence in the matter of publicity by saying, “We don’t advertise, so of course, we can’t be publicized. What’s the use of trying?” Well, we’re just all wrong.

Three members of the Society who were around over some recent false publicity in local papers, and who anticipated running smack into this “You don’t advertise” barrier, took it upon themselves to visit the local papers in the interest of more and better publicity for architects. They visited with the top policy making men in the editorial field. They were confronted with these rather astonishing suggestions. The newspapers are anxious to give the architects credit for their jobs, just as they give credit to an artist when they reproduce a painting. The matter of advertising does not enter into the news story of the paper. They want their story to be accurate, and the architects can be of real aid in keeping them so. We are invited to send our stories and renderings and what not in. It all won’t be published. Judgment as to publication must rest with the newspapers, but when publicity is gained, names will be used. It was suggested that we keep a running file of current jobs, keep persistently up to date, in the office of the newspapers, so that when a job becomes news, the reporter need only refer to the file to learn the architect. In brief, it was made clear that all that was required was a proper liaison between architects and papers. It all boils down to simple cooperation.

We rather anticipate that the situation brought to light in this conference is duplicated about the State. Let’s become intimate with our papers—learn to call editors and reporters by their first names, and get the stuff to them.

TELEGRAM

WE NEED BY-LAWS OF MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS AS STATE ORGANIZATION AS EXCELLENT GUIDE FOR OTHER GROUPS. CAN YOU MAIL US A DOZEN COPIES. MICHIGAN BULLETIN OF JULY 27 WOULD SUFFICE IF BY-LAWS THEREIN WERE ADOPTED WITHOUT CHANGE AT THE MACKINAC CONVENTION. PLEASE TELEGRAPH WHAT YOU CAN DO. REGARDS. E. C. KEMPER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, A.I.A.
in 1926 to an anticipated 70,000 in 1950. The Manpower Committee of the Society believes that the engineering industries of the United States can absorb the sudden flood of veteran graduates during the next three years. However, in order to do so, certain additional outlets need development.

"Heretofore, engineering graduates and college placement officers have concentrated almost exclusively upon familiar positions in design, experimental, and test, sales, research and a few others. They have more or less neglected positions in plant engineering and maintenance, production and manufacturing, and the operation of plant facilities of whatever kind.

"Again, comparatively few small industries have engaged engineers heretofore. There are countless openings in thousands of small industries for practically an unlimited number of young engineers.

"However, in order to break open all these outlets, it will be necessary for the engineering faculties to establish much closer relations with the industries, and this applies particularly to the teaching members of the faculties rather than to the personnel officers."

Others attending the meeting were Dean Jasper Gerardi, acting assistant dean of the Engineering College and Professor L.R. Blakeslee of the Department of Architectural Engineering.

SAGINAW VALLEY CHAPTER
A.I.A. ELECTS OFFICERS

The Saginaw Valley Chapter of The American Institute of Architects met at the home of Alden B. Dow, in Midland on the evening of November 23, for their annual meeting and election of officers. Alden was re-elected president for another term, Frederick E. Wigen was elected vice-president; Glenn M. Beach, Secretary; James A. Spence, Treasurer, and Robert B. Frantz, Director. All are of Saginaw.

Beach succeeds Lavern J. Nelsen, who had served for five years and who received a vote of thanks for his valuable services.

Dow and Frantz were named to serve on the Board of the Michigan Society of Architects.

Treasurer Spence succeeds John MacKenzie, of Flint who had rendered distinguished service.

Following the board meeting, guests were entertained by some of Alden’s beautiful colored movies of architectural subjects.

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Building Typifies Trend of Smaller Business Concerns to PERSONALIZED TO SATISFY OWNER'S ARCHITECTURAL TASTE AND PARTICULAR REQUIREMENTS

By ROBERT B. CLEARY
The Office of Earl L. Confer, Architect

The office building of the R. H. Manus & Co., contracting engineers, typifies the trend of small business concerns to acquire their own building facilities, personalized to satisfy their own architectural tastes and to meet their particular requirements.

The building is a one floor, flat roofed structure, with generous window areas and enhanced by attractive landscaping, with planting around the main entrance. Walls are faced with split face sandstone on the principal elevations and cinder block on the rear wall exposed to the storage and equipment yard.

Windows have fixed glass panels except for transom sash at the top and a very few narrow side panels which all open out. Frames and sash are all of wood, and feature an extra slim mullion section. Roof overhangs and projecting canopies shield the window areas from the sun. It has been found necessary to install venetian blinds to deflect the sunlight at certain times of the day.

The structure consists of concrete foundations, reinforced concrete floor slab, solid masonry walls, concealed pipe columns, steel roof beams and 2 1/2" gypsum roof slab laid dead level. Roofing is built-up pitch and gravel. Four inches of rockwool insulates the roof. The area between the ceiling and roof slab is ventilated to prevent excess condensation. Plaster is furred out on all exterior walls.

Approximately 1800 square feet of floor surface accommodates a reception room, general office, four private offices, drafting room, vault, toilet rooms and heater room. All rooms get plenty of outside light and separating partitions of Louvrex glass provide an abundance of borrowed natural light. Artificial light is provided by four foot, two tube fluorescent fixtures. These are equipped with egg crate reflectors which eliminate all glare and reflections. Interior walls are plastered except in drafting room and heater room where cinder block is exposed. The owners like the acoustic qualities of the block surfaces. Ceilings are covered with acoustic tile. Floors are all asphalt.
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tile with rubber base. All wall areas
and wood trim have been painted in
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a split system. Copper coils buried in
the floor slab provide radiant heat
with relatively low temperature hot
water. The radiant system is designed
to maintain a building temperature of
60-85 degrees at all times. Supplemen-
tary heat is provided by a blower sys­
tem utilizing both fresh air from out­
side and recirculating inside air. The
fan operates continuously while the
building is in use, thus providing fre­
quent air changes. In the summer the
air is cooled by refrigeration. One full
season of operation has proven the ad­
equacy of the air conditioning installa­
tion although some difficulties were en­
countered in adjusting the rather com­
plicated control equipment. Considera-
tion is being given to double glazing
of all windows to reduce heat transfer.
The one major criticism still unsolved
is that space immediately adjacent to
the extensive glass areas become exces­
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From the Bay State Architect, Published Quarterly by The Massachusetts State Association of Architects, Inc. Affiliated with The American Institute of Architects.

Under the caption "DOWN WITH GEORGIAN", page 14 of the Architectural Forum for September is largely devoted to an account of the controversy raging over the character of the proposed buildings for Wake Forest College at Winston-Salem in North Carolina.

We have read the article a number of times, each time with a growing astonishment. The plans, in preliminary form, have been prepared by an architect known principally for his work in the traditional field. As was to be expected, the buildings designed are Georgian in character. The opposition to them has become vocal, not to say vociferous, to the point of stridency.

It appears that an enterprising newspaper reporter, scenting an opportunity for public service, or for some other reason, gathered ammunition for a campaign of opposition by soliciting an opinion of the plans from a number of architects. By consulting architects whose predilection is known to be for the current contemporary style and who respect, and perhaps understand, only the purely mechanistic approach to the solution of such architectural problems, the results of this "packed primary", so to speak, were just what might have been expected and all that could be desired. They were highly condemnatory and could be summed up in the statement that it would be a "tragic mistake" to swaddle a new college plant in "a traditional straightjacket". Parenthetically, this "swaddled" condition is not unknown but is, in fact quite prevalent, as for instance at Cambridge. Yet we had not heard anything about the slow strangling of Harvard's lusty intellectual life from confinement within its fine Georgian buildings.

Thus prepared for the fray, a newspaper campaign against the proposed program was launched and carried on so effectively that North Carolinians, or many of them at least, are thoroughly roused and up in arms against this awful thing, which, they are told, is being imposed upon them.

Convinced sincere opposition is an excellent and potentially constructive thing. This particular wave of opposition, however, seems to have passed the limits of propriety and to have descended to the level of personal abuse. The epithet "carpetbagger" has been hurled at the architect and his architectural epidermis described as his "old world hide"—elevating and marvelous matters indeed.

Just why an architect, because he is conservative in his thinking and practice and largely unaffected by the changing fashions—we have heard it called evanescent rubbish—ballyhooed by some magazines and other agencies should therefore, in our democracy lose his right to vend his wares without incurring personal vilification, we cannot understand. But the architect in this case seems to have felt the full weight of the reformer's burning zeal and intolerance. And why the architect alone?

Was there no building committee who first retained him knowing his conservative reputation and who presumably discussed and studied the problem and passed final judgment on the proposals? But perhaps the architect is looked upon as a mesmeric fellow who holds his building committee in complete

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mental subjection and is therefore solely responsible for what is decided. The entire performance seems to have been carried through with much of the intolerance and virulence—and all of the dignity of a witch-hunt.

As far as this controversy is concerned, we hold no brief for the Georgian or any other style. In all sincerity, this writer's reaction would have been the same if the style under attack had been anything from the latest Minosan to early General Grant. We protest because from the FORUM account we can find nothing in the architect's course to justify the character of the attack to which he has been subjected.

As perhaps the most surprising sentence in the entire account we quote the following:

"Appearing before angry, anguish-ed members of the State Chapter of the A.I.A., Larsen defended his plans as "timeless and ageless".

If we rightly understand the meaning and implications of this sentence, inevitably we have a picture of the architect, like an accused prisoner in the dock, on the carpet before—all bodies—a division of the A.I.A. Yet we seem to remember reading in the A.I.A. JOURNAL a year or two ago a statement to the effect that our overall governing body, for the best interests of the profession, should take no part in stylistic versus contemporary controversies—certainly we have always understood that the A.I.A. and its related units would remain neutral and aloof from such matters. Clarification on this point would be most acceptable. The adjectives "angry and anguished", to this writer at least, suggested partisanship of no tepid kind.

All things considered, the whole affair is perhaps not to be wondered at, but whatever the outcome it is devoutly to be wished, for the sake of the dignity of our profession, that it could be argued out and settled in a seemly manner—less suggestive of an inter-union labor squabble. If the attack itself is understandable, its manner and its venom are alike deplorable.

ORR DEFINES FRONTIERS

"Frontiers of this nation are not gone —just changed," Douglas William Orr, New Haven, Conn., President of the American Institute of Architects, told the Indiana Society of Architects in Indianapolis recently.

"These new frontiers are a joyous challenge to the practicing architect, stimulating his fervor for creative work, nurturing his characteristic forward-looking interest in helping solve mankind's problems, and the lively attitudes of mind which drew him originally into the profession."

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Since it is a first-come-first-serve proposition and limited to 125, I am mailing you fifteen applications.—L. Glen Shields, Senior Associate Sanitary Engineer, Dept. of Bldgs. & Safety Engineering, Detroit.

DAVID H. WILLIAMS, JR. President of the Detroit Chapter, The American Institute of Architects has been named President of the Mack-Outer Drive Improvement Association, an organization of property owners in the neighborhood where he lives. He has also been elected a member of the Masonic Temple Association, representing University Lodge. The Association is the governing body for the Masonic Temple in Detroit.
MATERIAL, LABOR OUTLOOK

The supply of both building materials and labor is expected to be sufficient for the $18.1 billion of new construction and $7 billion of repair and maintenance estimated for 1949, according to a forecast prepared by the Producers' Council, national organization of building product manufacturers, and released by James M. Ashley, Council president.

"Aside from the supply of iron and steel, where the outlook is complicated by the unknown extent and character of the defense program, no serious shortages of materials are expected during 1949," Mr. Ashley said. "In fact, unless the armament requirement is much over that now anticipated, iron and steel products should be at least as plentiful for construction as has been the case during 1948.

"Millwork, which has remained a troublesome item throughout 1948, should be much more readily available next year. Sash and door mills have been catching up with back orders and this progress is expected to continue.

"Recent increases in plant capacity for producing gypsum products should definitely keep these items off the shortage list. The supply of cement may remain tight, due both to an expanded volume of public works and to distribution problems created by the basing point decision, but these considerations are not expected to delay or hold down the volume of building in 1949.

"Other materials will be produced in quantities ample for the anticipated volume of construction, while dealers' inventories generally should be sufficiently broad to permit selectivity and prompt delivery.

"The extreme tightness of the labor supply, which has made premium and overtime payments a feature of the construction picture since the end of the war, should be much eased during 1949. The continuance of a large volume of construction plus some inroads on the labor force by the draft, should, however, prevent any surplus of labor from arising. Even the slight reduction in demand that is anticipated in certain classes of construction should permit the retirement of older workers and the weeding out of some of the less competent among the younger men."
Marcus R. Burrowes, Architect and Friend
FROM STARR COMMONWEALTH NEWS

MARCUS R. BURROWES, Detroit Architect, has designed every building on the Starr campus. He first met Floyd Starr in the summer of 1915 at a business men's noonday luncheon club where Uncle Floyd talked about "good boys called bad." They were introduced by T. Glenn Phillips, the late landscape architect, who also did much for the school.

At that time Gladsome Cottage was the sole dwelling on the campus. Then as always Uncle Floyd had a dauntless faith in the future. He must have adequate housing for the boys that he knew needed the home and training he wanted more than anything else to provide. To him this meant buildings of beauty, dignity, utility and permanence. From the beginning he was a perfectionist and this led him to seek the best in design and construction. So he sought out Mr. Burrowes. With only a few cents in his pocket but with courage born of the conviction that he was engaged in the most important business in the world, Floyd Starr put these facts before the artist.

So the plans for Newton Hall were drawn. Everyone who visits the building today enjoys its 25 by 52, well-lighted living room which provides its own welcome. As you enter, the mirror which hangs over the fireplace at the opposite end, flanked by Chinese prints on either side, reveals the colorful hangings, rugs and painted walls which add warmth and friendliness. The twin peaks shown in most pictures of the cottage are instantly recognized by lovers of beauty as a photogenic feature.

The other three campus dwellings as well as the Emily Jewell Clark Building, Webster Hall and Hillside were all authored by Mr. Burrowes. They are Old English in type and give one an immediate sense of reassurance, as if they had stood atop their elevation from the beginning and would remain till the sands ran out. Inside there is a feeling of home.

Mr. Burrowes attended the Denver, Colorado Art Academy, was privileged to attend lectures and receive instruction in construction by architects of note and served an apprenticeship in the leading architectural offices in Denver and Detroit. He has been in independent practice in Detroit for the past thirty years. During that time he has designed and supervised construction on numerous public buildings in that city and its environs. He is particularly proud of being the author of the little Greek theatre at Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, on the estate of Mr. George Booth.

(See BURROWES, Page 2)
Shown above is a view of the Greek Theatre at Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, of which Architect Burrows "is particularly proud".

At right is Newton Hall at Starr Commonwealth, at Albion, Michigan, one of the early buildings of the group.

BURROWS (from Page 1)

He is past president of the Michigan Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Also past president of the Michigan Society of Architects. In 1940 he was honored by being elected a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects, the national body for achievement in design and service to the Institute. All of these things are tangible but there is in the lives of Starr boys who have lived in the buildings of his genius a better sense of security and a greater appreciation of that which is good because of that experience. In such gifted and sincere work in any line there is an element of immortality.
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OLD AND NEW MSA BOARDS MEET JOINTLY

On the afternoon and evening of December 9, a new era was begun by the Michigan Society of Architects, when its old and new boards of directors met together at the Detroit Athletic Club. The three Michigan Chapters of The American Institute of Architects had previously elected thirteen directors to serve on the MSA board—seven from Detroit, four from Western Michigan and two from Saginaw Valley. This was in accordance with new by-laws of the Society and the three chapters, under the new Michigan unification plan.

Those elected by the Detroit Chapter are Leo M. Bauer Wells, I. Bennett, Ralph W. Hamnett, Joseph W. Leinweber, Charles B. McGrew, John C. Thornton and David H. Williams, Jr.

From Western Michigan: Roger Allen, Carl C. F. Kressbach, ADRIAN N. LANGIUS and ARTHUR J. ZIMMERMANN.

From Saginaw Valley: ALDEN B. DOW and ROBERT B. FRANTZ.

The retiring board consisted of Langius, Pellerin, Cowin, Frantz, Zimmermann, Cole, Allen, Brintellbou, Dow, Haughey, Hughes, Hyde, Morison and Stone.

Members of the old and new boards total 27 but, eliminating five duplications (indicated by caps), the total is 22. Twenty were present at this meeting. Hughes is no longer elected but appointed.

A significant fact is that, in the case of the Detroit Chapter representatives, none was on the Society Board before, while of the Western Michigan Chapter's four, three were carry-overs, and Saginaw Valley's two were both old members.

Upon completion of the retiring board's business—special hearings and ceremonies, final reports of officers and committees, communications, etc., the affairs of the Society were turned over to the new board, which then elected officers from among its members as follows:

Alden B. Dow, President; Robert B. Frantz, 1st Vice-President; Carl C. F. Kressbach, 2nd Vice-President; Ralph W. Hamnett, 3rd Vice-President; Joseph W. Leinweber, Secretary, and Arthur J. Zimmermann, Treasurer.

The others, serving as director, are Allen, Bauer, Benneth, Langius, McGrew, Thornton Williams.

THE OLD—THE NEW

Also attending the Board meeting was Kenneth Black whose firm, Lee Black and Kenneth C. Black, of Detroit, had been engaged by the Society to make a survey and report on the proposal to remodel the old Barnes house in Lansing for a governor's residence.

Some months ago the Board accepted an invitation from Governor Sigler to meet with him, inspect the property and cooperation in the investigations.

Mr. Black submitted to the Board a complete report, including sketch plans and estimates of costs. Because of the condition of the house, the report states, a minimum of some $200,000 would be required to make it habitable, and even then results would be far from satisfactory. Even in view of this, the consensus was that the Society should refrain from making definite recommendations, but rather confine its communication to the governor to a factual report.

Professor Emil Lorch, as architectural consultant, had stated that to restore this house would be to perpetuate one of the worst examples of Michigan architecture.

The Board received the report that the Hotel Statler in Detroit had confirmed the dates of March 3 and 4, 1949 for the Society's Thirty-Fifth Annual Convention. The Detroit Chapter, A.I.A. will hold a dinner meeting the night before, Wednesday, March 2, in the Rackham Building, Detroit, devoted to discussion of matters to come up at the Institute Convention in Houston, March 15-18, 1949. It is expected that members of the other two Michigan Chapters will be invited to attend and hear Walter J. Taylor, Director of Education and Research, on the Institute's Washington staff, speak on Convention matters. Also taking part in the program will be our own three Michigan members of the Institute Board, Messers. Black, Ditchy and Gamber. Mr. Gamber has secured a recording of Mr. Charles D. Maginnis' acceptance speech when he received the Institute's Gold Medal at Salt Lake City, last June. Attendants will be privileged to hear it.

Mr. Taylor has been in charge of seminars that have featured Institute conventions in recent years. He will, no doubt, remain in Detroit for the MSA Convention.

The Board approved a proposal from the Builders' and Traders' Exchange of Detroit that the Exchange hold a complimentary luncheon for those registered at the convention on Thursday, March 3. Facilities have been engaged for about 900. It is also probable that the Michigan Building Industry Banquet will be repeated as the closing event of the Convention. This has come to be a most important function of the entire building industry in Michigan and it taxes the hotel's facilities.

Earl W. Pellerin, of the Society's Committee on Education and Research, has arranged for an exhibition on city planning, and an architectural show at the Detroit Institute of Arts in late February and early March. The feature of this show will be a model of a community, measuring some 26 feet in diameter. It was secured from the New York Chapter. A.I.A. after it had been shown at the Museum of Science and Industry in New York. The city planning exhibit, entitled "Tomorrow's World", will be supplemented by work from Michigan architects' offices.

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OFF WITH THE OLD—
ON WITH THE NEW

By Adrian N. Langius,
Retiring President
December 9, 1948

Much effort has been expended during the past 10 years on behalf of uni-
ification of our profession in Michigan. It has been left, however, to those of
us who are present here today to put into operation the machinery which
was designed and built as a result of the work of those who conceived, ger-
minated and fostered the idea of a Michigan Society of Architects of The
American Institute of Architects.

On July 1, 1948, the Board of Direct-
ors of the Institute authorized the is-
suance of a charter for the new orga-
nization and the following August 6th,
the Society adopted the by-laws under
which it should function.

The inauguration of a new Board of Direc-
tors and the election of officers, which has now been accomplished, of-
officially starts another era in the life of the State Society. We must
now assume the role as the state-wide
representative of and a unifying body
for the various chapters of The Amer-
ican Institute of Architects chartered
within the State of Michigan, on mat-
ters of state-wide interest affecting the
members of such chapters. Our pur-
pose is the same as the purpose of the
original Society, in that we are or-
ganized to promote the art and science
of architecture; to educate our mem-
bers and others in the art and science
of architecture; to encourage the de-
velopment of the allied arts, particu-
larly insofar as they relate to the art
and science of architecture; and to re-
present and act for the profession with-
in the State of Michigan in all mat-
ters affecting the practice of architec-
ture. I am sure that the new Board,
when it approaches some of the new
problems that are bound to confront
the new organization, could well afford
to study the history of the old State
Society because through a study of it,
they will find warnings and advice
which might enable them to avert
many pit-falls which almost overcame
their predecessors.

In March of 1947, and again in March
of 1948, I was greatly honored when
the members of the Michigan Society
of Architects elected me as their Pre-
sident. I have sincerely tried to ful-
fill the duties imposed upon me by that
office. I spent many, many hours in
the work of the Society. As I review
the past, however, I regret that cer-
tain work remains undone and, there-
fore, in accordance with a long estab-
lished custom indulged in by all of my
predecessors, I hereby will and be-
queth any unfinished work to my suc-
cessor. This testament is made on the
condition that my successor may do
the same in another year or two, if he
works as continuously and diligently as
his predecessors.

I leave the office of President of the
Michigan Society of Architects with a
feeling of satisfaction that certain pro-
gress has been made in the affairs of
the Society during the past two years.
Much of this progress, I must admit,
has been due to the splendid coopera-
tion and assistance of a faithful and
industrious Board of Directors and I
want to thank all those who have serv-
ed the Society with me.

I believe it is proper for me to enumer-
ate at this time, and thereby place in
the record, some of the salient ac-
tivities engaged in during 1947 and 1948.
I believe it is also proper for me to re-
commend certain matters which I feel
should be given serious consideration
by the new Board.

In 1947, after the Grand Rapids con-
vention and soon after the Board elect-
ed at that convention was organized, it
was decided to streamline the work of
the Board; to abolish the long-stand-
ing Society committees with their am-
biguous duties and in place thereof cre-
ate three Board committees; namely, (1)
Administration, (2) Public and Profes-

tional Relations and (3) Education and
Research; thus dividing the work of
the Board into three parts similar to
the way the Institute has divided its
work into three departments, each hav-
ing jurisdiction over certain commit-
tees. In addition to the work of the
Board, each Board committee would be
required to coordinate the work of their
appropriate committees of the state
chapters on all matters of state-wide
interest. This type of organization
(See LANGIUS, Page 10)
The house is laid out on a U-shaped plan with the court facing the road and, across the lake front, taking full advantage of the width of the lot for a view of the lake, are the living and dining rooms (with connecting porch) and the owner's bedroom.

In addition to the usual requirements for this one-story home, my client desired a large studio in the basement and facilities for bathers on the same level, preferably avoiding the “basement atmosphere.”

A satisfactory solution was arrived at by taking advantage of the natural slope of the site from front to lake, which, while not correct in itself to permit a natural grade exit at the lower rear, was solved by dropping the grade at the house below the roadway and terracing up at the lake side.

The garage and service rooms form the north wing, serving as a shield for the more important rooms. A covered porch provides access to the kitchen from the garage and with its arches and recess adds interest to the appearance of the road front.

Two bedrooms and bath form the south wing.

The architectural treatment, conforming to the client's request, has been handled in New England Colonial. The floor of the living room and front hall are of wide pine boards having pegged ends. The living room fireplace has a painted brick breast and on one side are wide, open bookshelves, with lights concealed behind a wood valance at the top.

The studio fireplace is rustic in design, with its field-stone and heavy timbers. A Dutch oven and an excellent selection of accessories afford additional interest.

The owners have done considerable to enhance the charm of this home, both in the furnishings and landscaping, and we think it leaves little to be desired for a lakeside home.
West Elevation: Same building, from lake-dock, becomes two-story mansion with spacious park.

Fireplace side of living room. Wood valance at top of bookshelves conceals lights which flood books for identification.

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makes it necessary for each member of the Board to be assigned to one of the three committees thereby making it mandatory for every member to take an active part in the affairs of the Society and work of the Board.

There was also established an Executive committee composed of the president and secretary and the chairman of the three Board committees. The committee, when so authorized, acted for the Board and the Society between meetings. It also coordinated the work of the three other committees.

Ten Board meetings were held alternately in Detroit, and out-state during both 1947 and 1948. All meetings were exceptionally well attended and many subjects concerning public and professional relations, schedule of charges, education and other business of the Board and profession were studied and discussed. Reports have been made from time to time during the past two years to the Board and the Society on these subjects. In addition, your President represented the Society on many occasions at the meetings of other architectural organizations and allied organizations of the building industry.

One of the major jobs that was accomplished in 1948 was the rewriting of the by-laws of the former Society so that the new state organization could come into being. The by-laws were so successfully compiled that they are now being used as a guide in the preparation of by-laws for other state organizations.

In addition to the regular annual conventions that were held in 1947 and 1948, two highly successful mid-summer conferences were held on Mackinac Island. These conferences seem to have established themselves as traditional and they did much to weld the spirit of fellowship that maintains the new architect in his profession.

1. The establishment of a budget for the year 1949, the budget to include the expenditure of revenues obtained from dues and other Society activities, as well as expenditures from funds now in the Society's treasury. The time has come when we should seriously consider publicity, scholarships and other programs designed to promote the art and science of architecture. These programs are essential and will require more funds than are available from current revenues.

2. The hiring of either a full time or part time paid executive secretary. The present arrangement is neither fair to the individual who now occupies the position, nor proper for the Society.

3. A revision of the present contract for the publication of the "Weekly Bulletin". Recent litigation on this subject has brought to light the inadequacy of the present contract to properly protect the Society and also the present editor. Now that the litigation has been settled, this matter should be the first order of business for the new administration committee.

4. It has been several years since the Society has elected an honorary member. At the present time there are several members who have given many years of outstanding service to the Society deserving of this distinction.

5. I have always been of the opinion that as a Society, we have never given proper recognition to new architects registered in Michigan. I believe that registration certificates should be presented to new registrants at a special meeting of the Board of the Michigan Society of Architects at which time there could be a special ceremony similar to the ceremony admitting a new attorney to the bar. At the same time, certain members of the Board could discuss ethics, practice and other subjects which would be of great interest and help to the new architect. This would do much towards establishing

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LANGIUS (from Page 6)

is within the profession at the present time. In 1948, the building industry banquet was re-established as a feature of our annual convention. It was one of the most successful banquets ever held by the Society and brought many favorable comments from every element of the building industry.

The Special Committee which was created in 1947 for the sole purpose of organizing and presenting an architect's show, has been working diligently for the past year. This committee, consisting of representatives of the several state chapters, will be in a position to present a show during the 1948 convention.

I sincerely believe that the operation of the Board as it is presently organized and the activities which are now underway, should be continued, and if possible magnified. I also believe and strongly recommend that the new Board give immediate consideration to the following:

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Report of Roger Allen, Chairman

Reviewing the long and distinguished career of the Michigan Society of Architects, one thought is uppermost in my mind: there seem to be few years indeed when it did not break new ground.

Certainly, the past year has not been an exception.

First of all was the changeover from State association member of the A.I.A. to State organization. The name is now Michigan Society of Architects, The American Institute of Architects. This required a change of by-laws, full credit for which must go to Julian R. Cowin. In fact, he did his job so well that the Mid-Summer Conference at Mackinac approved it unanimously, resulting in a telegram from Ed Kemper in Washington, asking for "additional copies for distribution to others throughout the country as an excellent guide.

Subsequently, the Institute issued a charter to the Society, and the process of unification was completed.

One of the duties of this Committee was to supervise the Weekly Bulletin. At the beginning of the year it was suggested that a new agreement between the Society and the Editor be drawn. Inasmuch as there was a suit pending against the Editor, Talmage C. Hughes, it was thought best to await the outcome.

Your Committee is pleased to be able to report that the suit has been disposed of, with only a token payment by the Editor. However, the proposed new agreement will have to be passed on to the new administration.

One of the changes in the new by-laws was the elimination of non-resident memberships. This resulted in a considerable number of objections from architects in other states who are registered in Michigan. They had been members in past years and desired to continue, so the new by-laws were amended to admit them.

Another step forward has been the Society's furnishing uniform membership cards for the three Michigan Chapters of The A.I.A. which state that the recipient is also a member of The Michigan Society of Architects.

During the year your Committee accepted an invitation from Governor Sigler to meet with him regarding the proposal to remodel the Barnes residence in Lansing for a governor's home. While your Committee recommended against it, when it became apparent that the governor intended to go ahead anyway, full cooperation of your committee was offered and given. It now appears that this project will not be commenced.

The last convention of the Society was under the able direction of Andrew R. Morison, who arranged a most constructive program and came out with a profit to the Society.

The Mid-Summer Conference at the Grand Hotel, on Mackinac Island, has come to be a most important and enjoyable affair. Alden Dow has some wonderful movies which we recommend as a must for each Michigan Chapter to show at its meeting.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL RELATIONS
Report of Arthur K. Hyde, Chairman

Your Committee on Public and Professional Relations is pleased to report all routine and normal matters which have been referred to it during the past year have been duly considered and appropriate action taken. Earlier reports have adequately dealt with these subjects for the record.

The major effort which we have put forth during the year has been the attempt to develop for the Society's approval a revised edition of the current "M.S.A. Schedule of Recommended Charges," ratified and adopted in 1928. Thus far two rough drafts have been prepared under the title "A Circular of Information on Architects' Services and Fees." A short form and a long form. The long form has been submitted to the various Michigan Chapters A.I.A. and to our Institute Directors Branson V. Gamber and Kenneth C. Black for comments. Some replies have been received with suggested changes and your Committee has also made additional revisions. Meanwhile, the study of this draft continues. When all replies are in a revised draft will be developed for submission to the Board for whatever action it may choose to take.

The opinion seems to be general that a short form for the "Circular" is desirable and serves a useful purpose. It is, therefore, the intention of your Committee to prepare a new short form document similar in length to the one in current use. This, we believe, should not be attempted until the comprehensive Circular has reached its final form, since one will be merely a condensation of the other.

We have no special recommendations to pass on to the new Committee. Predictions for the future are widely varied and procedures for the future activities will necessarily be tempered to conditions and events as they transpire.

TRIBUTE TO GUS

At the December meeting of the Board of Directors of the Michigan Society of Architects, at which members of the old Board wound up their business and turned over the reins to their successors, the latter passed a resolution of thanks and appreciation for the splendid work and untiring efforts of retiring officers and directors.

This should be multiplied many times in the case of Adrian N. Langius, who served two terms as President.

When this Zeeland boy who made good in the city first became connected with the State Administrative Department there was apprehension on the part of members of the architectural profession that he was establishing another bureau to compete with private practitioners. This fear was soon dispelled when it became apparent that his "bureau" was a coordinating agency to prepare surveys and programs and to represent the owners in employing architects in the approved manner of private enterprise.

The Building Division of the State Administrative Department has become a model for the proper conduct of such business—is attracting the attention of other states and The American Institute of Architects. We might wish that the practice could be followed more generally, especially in the City Engineer's Office in Detroit.

It is refreshing to know that there are still men in public life who give their all to the job and apply the same devotion they would were it their own business in private life.

Another innovation has been that politics, "pull" or friendship has had no part in the selection of architects, engineers or contractors, as far as Gus was concerned. Work was assigned only on the basis of past performance, ability
and other factors deserving consideration.

As a recognition, Langius went on to become President of his A.I.A. chapter, in Grand Rapids, now the Western Michigan Chapter, in which office he served two terms. His tenure of office as President of the Michigan Society of Architects covers a period of marked progress in the Society's history. Under his administration the architectural profession in Michigan become completely unified, a new era began, and he leaves heritage to be cherished by all his fellows.

**Dick Fernbach, A.I.A.,** new City Planner for Highland Park, has just sent in an S.O.S. It appears that he has been so busy, in the short period that he has been up there that his office is becoming swamped with plans. The only thing that can save him will be a 2-section flat-map file, inside drawer dimensions, 36” x 48”. It seems that he has been to every furniture store in town without success.

If you have, or know of the location of such a file, would you let him know, at the Highland Park City Hall, thereby contributing immeasurably to City Planning in Highland Park?

Dick, who, for the past six years, has been working with Detroit City Plan Commission on designs for River Front, Civic Center, Cultural Center and Central Business District, is now at work on business district improvements for Highland Park, as well as improvements to residential neighborhoods. He says that he has other schemes “up his sleeve”, ready to pull out at the appropriate time.

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Professor Roger Bailey is leaving the University of Michigan's College of Architecture and Design to become head of the Department of Architecture at the University of Utah. After graduating at Cornell Bailey won the 1922 Paris Prize, going to Europe for three years study, part of which was spent in France's famous national Ecole des Beaux Arts. After several years with architects' offices in New York, where he became a Registered Architect, he in association with Eric Gugler, a New York architect, won the 1st prize of $20,000 for the design of Chicago's proposed First World War Memorial, in a nation-wide competition participated in by many leading American architects.

For two years Professor Bailey taught senior designer with a prominent Design at Yale University, while on leave from the University of Michigan, and both as a consultant in design and as a renderer of architectural projects he has done considerable work with architects of Detroit and elsewhere. During a recent year of leave, he was senior designer with a prominent Detroit firm of architects and engineers. He is a member of The American Institute of Architects and a director of its Detroit Chapter.

In addition to being an architect, Bailey is an able water color painter and in 1945 won the Detroit Scarab Club 1st Prize in that field. He is a member of the Michigan Water Color Society.

At the University of Michigan he has been an inspiring teacher of architectural design and now is to lead the evolving architectural department of one of our country's strong and rapidly developing state universities. He will begin his work at the University of Utah at the beginning of the coming year; his leaving has been contemplated for some time and has been made possible through the cooperation of the authorities of the University of Michigan.

FOR MODERN FOOD SERVICE

Illustrated is another example of how modernization of cooking appliances in many Detroit restaurants gives them quick service of appetizing, wholesome foods. The Wayside Grill, 17164 Schaefer Road, makes full use of modern compact, clean gas-fired counter equipment. Shown above, two coffee urns, steam table, thermostatically controlled griddle and fryer, all gas-fired. Wayside Grill's homemade pies are baked in a gas-fired bake oven.
HEATING CALCULATOR

A unique residence heating calculator that eliminates use of reference and conversion tables and saves hours of work in sizing and laying out of heating systems has been made available to dealers and heating engineers by the Stokol Stoker Company, Inc., of Indianapolis.

The calculator is small and compact and can be used for figuring heat losses of residences, sizing round or rectangular ducts, or warm air trunk lines, sizing automatic coal-, oil-, or gas-fired equipment. Primarily designed for forced warm air systems, it is equally useful on gravity warm air and wet heat applications. It can also be used for estimating the approximate annual fuel consumption for heating or hot water requirements.

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NEW HOLLOW METAL DOORS

A new design in Fenestra stock, hollow-metal entrance doors has been announced by Detroit Steel Products Company, makers of Fenestra building products, and the doors are now available for use in offices, apartments, stores, gas stations, schools, theaters, etc.

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Detroit Chapter Hears Taylor on Landscaping

John J. White, Field Secretary of The Institute also speaks at December Meeting

The Detroit Chapter of The American Institute of Architects concluded its fiscal year with a busy day on December 17. The Executive Committee (Board of Directors) met at 3:00 p.m., the new administration was entertained by the Producers' Council from six to seven, from which time the dinner-meeting of members began in the Rackham Building and lasted until closing time. It is regrettable that President Williams was at home with a cold, but Vice-President Leinweber conducted like a veteran.

At the Board meeting, it was reported that sufficient ballots had been received to approve the new by-laws of the Chapter. This had been a rather difficult matter, as the old by-laws required a two-thirds concurring vote of all corporate and associate members, a total favorable vote of 324. After mailing post-card ballots four different times, more than the required number was obtained.

At this meeting Talmage C. Hughes was appointed Executive Secretary of the Chapter.

Opening the program following dinner, Mr. Leinweber welcomed members and guests, including Mr. A. E. Munson, President of the Detroit Chapter, American Society of Landscape Architects and Mr. George Hubbell, President of the Detroit Section, American Society of Civil Engineers.

Before the feature of the evening was a talk by Jack White, of The Institute Staff in Washington, who gave a brief but interesting account of what is being done in the interest of the profession by our organization at the national level. Mr. White was introduced by Clair W. Ditchy, Institute Secretary.

Suren Pilafian, Chairman of the Chapter's Program Committee was asked to introduce the speaker of the evening, Mr. Albert Davis Taylor, landscape architect, of Cleveland, Ohio. Pilafian stated that in casting about for one in the landscape field who would be an outstanding speaker, everyone consulted agreed upon Mr. Taylor. Not only has he made distinct contributions as a practitioner but also as a lecturer at Cornell, Ohio State and the University of Michigan, Pilafian said.

Mr. Taylor spoke for about one hour, and as evidence of the architects' interest in the subject, discussion continued until it was time for "lights-out" in the building.

GOLD MEDAL TO FLW

Frank Lloyd Wright, one of America's most famous architects, has been selected to receive the Gold Medal of The American Institute of Architects, highest honor of the organization.

This announcement has just been made by Douglas W. Orr, of New Haven, Connecticut, President of The A.I.A., who said that Mr. Wright was selected to receive the Gold Medal by the Board of Directors at a recent meeting. The Gold Medal will be presented to Mr. Wright at the 81st annual convention of The Institute in Houston.

"The award was made in recognition of Mr. Wright's distinguished contributions to the profession of architecture," said Mr. Orr.

The presentation will be made at the annual dinner of a four-day convention to be held in the Rice Hotel at Houston. Mr. Wright will be the guest of honor and speaker at the Michigan Building Industry Banquet, closing event of the Michigan Society of Architects' Thirty-Fifth Annual Convention at Hotel Statler, Detroit, March 4, 1949.

SUIT AGAINST MSA AND HUGHES DISPOSED OF

The law suit instituted by E. B. Fauquier against the Michigan Society of Architects and Talmage C. Hughes almost two years ago has been disposed of for a token payment of practically the amount due Fauquier at the time of cancellation of his contract.

Fauquier had, through his attorney Raymond P. Bauble, claimed commissions on advertising renewals for a period of eight years in the future, amounting to $50,000. The court ruled that where commissions on renewals are to be paid after cancellation of contract this condition must be expressly stated in the contract, which was not the case in this instance.

When the suit was begun the plaintiff, through attorney Bauble, placed garnishment on the funds of the Michigan Society of Architects, Hughes and his wife. A second round of garnishments early this year resulted in comparatively little.

Some very interesting and pertinent facts were uncovered concerning plaintiff Fauquier's operations.

Lucking, VanAukcn, Schumann and Greiner were counsel for Hughes; John C. O'Hara for the Michigan Society of Architects.

JOSEPH W. LEINWEBER, Vice-President of the Detroit Chapter, AIA, left on December 18 with his family for a vacation at Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He expects to return in about two weeks but his family will remain longer.

ARBITRATION CLAUSE

Stephen D. Butts, of O. W. Burke Company, states that the Standard form of Arbitration issued by The American Institute of Architects, is not effective in the State of Michigan. Our laws provide, he says, that such provisions must be in a separate document, signed by the parties concerned, at the time of signing the contract, and not included in the contract itself.

MR. BUTTS' COMMUNICATION

Enclosed is the closing paragraph of the Michigan arbitration law, a list of the requirements of the law, some comments and a suggested copy of an arbitration agreement to be included in the General Conditions.—Stephen D. Butts.

ARTICLE 182 of 1941 PUBLIC ACTS OF MICHIGAN

"... Provided, however, that an arbitration agreement as provided in this section must be contained in an instruction separate from the main contract and signed by all of the parties to said agreement."

1. The arbitration agreement must be contained in an instrument separate from the main contract and signed by all parties to said agreement.
2. The parties should agree to settle by arbitration under the Act, a controversy thereafter arising between the parties to the contract, with relation to the contract.
3. The method of selecting the arbitrator(s) must be designated.
4. It must be agreed that a judgment of any circuit court or other court of competent jurisdiction, designated in such contract may be rendered upon the award.

COMMENT:

An award of majority is binding contrary to common law which required unanimity. Justice of the Peace may issue subpoena to compel witnesses to appear before arbitrators.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

The Contract Documents shall consist of properly executed separate arbitration agreement, a properly signed contract, specifications and the general plans and the order of these in importance is as follows:

Any decision of the Board of Arbitrators shall be final and binding. The order of importance of the other Contract Documents establishing the intent of the Contract shall be as follows: 1st-Contract; 2nd-Specifications; 3rd-Large Details; 4th-General Plans.

ARBITRATION

There will be signed at the time of signing the Contract, a separate agreement as provided in Section headed “Contract Documents”, as follows:

It is mutually agreed between the parties to said contract as follows:
1. That any controversy hereinafter arising between parties concerning or relating to or arising out of said contract shall be settled by arbitration pursuant to and under Section 15394 of the compiled laws of 1929 of the State of Michigan at the request of any of the parties to said agreement. Provided, however, that an arbitration agreement, a properly signed instrument entered into this day of month of 19... between and parties to certain main contract to construct according to the Plans and Specifications by ... Architects entered into day of month of 19...
2. That said arbitration shall be conducted under Section 15394 of the compiled laws of 1929 of the State of Michigan at the request of any of the parties to said agreement, which is not subject to this agreement in the Court of Appeals.
3. That the arbitrators shall be selected (method of selecting arbitrators must be specified or agreed upon).
4. Any award signed by at least two of the arbitrators made pursuant to this agreement, which is not subject to the charge of fraud or gross negligence, shall be final and binding upon the parties. Each arbitrator shall receive a fee as set forth in A.I.A. Document 305 and the entire cost of the arbitration shall be determined by the Board of Arbitration and assessed in the signed decision.
5. That judgement may be rendered upon any such award made pursuant to this agreement in the County of the State of Michigan in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid statutes of the State of Michigan or any other Court having competent jurisdiction.

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By Arnold A. Weitzman, A.I.A.

The building for the Mercury Tool & Die Co., 1600 East Nine Mile Road, Detroit, Mich., has reinforced concrete foundations, a steel skeleton supporting the roof construction and walls above the window heads. The outside walls are of face brick, backed up by common brick. The floor throughout the building is reinforced concrete. The window sills, heads and roof coping at the front part, are of limestone. Window sills at the shop are of reinforced cement, cast in place. The eave struts of the main building and the monitor are of steel and serve also as gutters.

The roofs are level, bonded for twenty years, which includes the flashing.

The entire front is occupied by the company's offices. The engineering department is on the reinforced concrete balcony which is located in the front part of the monitor.

The testing laboratory is on the main floor. The glass block at the rounded corners and the almost-total window area of the exterior walls lend much cheerfulness to the executive offices. All interior surfaces of the office walls are of knotty pine in natural finish.

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Another feature of the shop part of the building is the open space unobstructed by columns, which helps the efficient functioning of the plant. This, combined with the three walls being entirely of glass, makes the plant a pleasant place in which to work.

The architect herewith expresses sincere thanks to the general contractor for the excellent workmanship, cooperation, and skillful execution of the structure, and joins that firm in expressing the well-deserved thanks to subcontractors and material suppliers.

Many favorable comments about the building, for its simple but dignified interior design and the perfect lighting, heating, ventilation, and other arguments within the building, have been to the architect and the owners.
CITY PLANNERS WANTED

The Detroit Civil Service Commission announces open-competitive examinations for Assistant Director of City Planning at $8406.00 to $9126.00.

The written examination is scheduled for January 21, 1949 and will be given in Detroit and in other cities as requested where satisfactory arrangements can be made. Those applicants who pass the written examination are subject to a scheduled interview which will be held only in Detroit.

The position of Assistant Director of City Planning is a highly responsible administrative one with the Detroit City Plan Commission, involving, in addition to assisting in the direction, planning and coordination of a staff of about forty, the major responsibility for accomplishing the aims, goals and purposes encompassed in Master Plan.

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Further information, forms, etc., may be obtained from the Civil Service Commission, City of Detroit, 15th Floor, Water Board Building.

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These men will be voted on at the January 18 meeting. On the official ballots sent to members of the Exchange, names of others may be written in.

The Nominating Committee members are George Odien, Horace Dickinson, and Henry Mason. These three men, with three more active members appointed by the president, will serve as the Election Committee.

The following directors leave the board after three years service: President Everett Bush; Vice-Presidents Walter Torbet and Ray T. Lyons.

Remaining on the board are Treasurer Douglas Shaw; Directors Munro Aird, Mark Atkin, Henry Manley and W. Wilbur White.

The annual meeting of the Exchange will convene at 3:30 p.m. on January 18 in the Skyroom of the Fort Shelby Hotel. It will be preceded by open house beginning at 12:30. The polls will be open in the offices of the Exchange at 439 Penobscot Building from 9 a.m. until 12:30 at which time they will be open in the Skyroom of the Fort Shelby Hotel until 3:00 p.m.

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